

Minutes of the Public Works Committee

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Chair Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Dave Swan, Keith Hammitt, Darlene Johnson, Richard Morris, Tom Schellinger, and Steve Whittow. **Absent:** Jennifer Grant.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Senior Civil Engineer Ed Hinrichs, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Engineering Services Manager Carolynn Gellings, County Board Chair Paul Decker, Chief of Staff Shawn Lundie, Parks & Land Director Dale Shaver, Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz, Corporation Counsel Erik Weidig, and Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe.

Approve Minutes of December 5, 2019

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Hammitt to approve the minutes of December 5. Motion carried 6-0.

Future Agenda Items

- Update on Route 906 (Johnson)

Future Meeting Dates

- February 13, 2020
- March 12, 2020

Advisory Committee Reports

Morris attended a Wisconsin River Rail meeting last month but did not have much to report related to Waukesha County.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 174-O-082 Modify 2019 Capital Budget To Increase Expenditures For Capital Project 201814 CTH KF/JK Intersection

Gellings and Hinrichs discussed this ordinance as outlined which modifies the 2019 Capital Project budget to increase expenditure authority by \$120,000 for the CTH KF, JK Intersection project (#201814). The ordinance also increases the use of Capital Project Fund balance by \$120,000 to fund these expenditures. Hinrichs indicated that project costs are higher than anticipated due to unique grades and cross slopes, poor soil conditions, and other construction complexities. Capital project fund balance is used to fund this cost increase, resulting in no additional tax levy impact.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Whittow to approve Ordinance 174-O-082. Motion carried 6-0.

Update on Capital Project #201503 Demolish Former HHS Building

Bussler and Waeghe presented a PowerPoint on the former Health & Human Services (HHS) building capital project including building history, actions to date to demolish the building, ongoing expenses, abatement and demolition costs, and the 30-year County growth outlook.

Bussler stated the County is close to signing an agreement with the State Historical Society to preserve the history of the building if the County were to tear it down. This includes adding a historical marker as well as hiring a historian to take pictures and maintain a website of the building's history.

To answer Whittow's question, Weidig said if we fail at the City Council level, we are left to pursue either a state legislative change or a lawsuit against the City.

Update on Wisconsin County Highway Association Winter Road School Conference

Swan said he attended the WCHA Winter Road School Conference earlier this week where he attended sessions related to General Transportation Aids, customer service, and the Wisconsin Counties Association steering committee.

Legislative Update

Spaeth updated the committee on bills related to the old HHS building, Adoption Task Force, and condemnation payments.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Johnson to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Johnson

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Secretary